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WILLEMSTAD/PHILIPSBURG -The Board of Financial supervision (College financieel toezicht - Cft) is geared towards the realization of the common goal of all governments in the Dutch Kingdom: bringing about durable public financial administration. Within the working methods of the Cft the key values are independence, professionalism and transparency. Based here on, Cft endeavors to give a positive contribution to good public governance, prosperity and welfare of the inhabitants of the Dutch islands.

In the Year Report 2014, The Board of Financial supervision (Cft) recommends to be very cautious when it comes to making a new debt. This is a serious warning of the Cft.

The economy of Aruba has declined very fast in the last years while Curacao and Saint Martin were able to invest. However, even though the debt of both countries is low, it is necessary to be cautious to maintain a good economic development.

Economic Development

In the annual report of the Cft, it is stated how the world economy recovered after the financial crises and the crises in Europe. In 2014, Aruba and Saint Martin had both encounter an increase, even though the economic development was still weak of 1 and 1.5 % respectively. The economy of Curacao has decreased for 3 years, but it seems that since the third quart of 2014, a positive change arose. There is a need for structural reforms in order for these 3 countries to function at their best again. Less regulations, more market functions and a more flexible labor market are central in

this structural reformation. The Cft noted that a lot has been invested in the public entities, such as education and healthcare. However, the economic development of these countries remains weak. The positive news is that after many years for prices to go up, during 2014, is the inflation under control.

Deficit and Debt

All the 3 countries had close 2014 with a deficit on their total budget. In Aruba, the deficit was caused mostly by the high Government expenditures. As a result, the deficit conducts to the increase of the debt. In 2014, Aruba surpassed the limit of 80% and even if all the planned goals would be reached, the debt will continue to grow before a decrease of the debt be introduced, and that will take a long time, according to Ange Bakker.

Supervision

In the annual report, Cft gives an extensive analysis on the different ways that content can be given to the supervision. It is remarkable that in many countries, an independent financial supervision can function. In order for a supervision to function, it is necessary to establish a consensus. The board of supervision must be totally independent and professional. Transparency is also a very important fact for a good result of a financial supervision. The Board of Financial Supervision gives advices on how to correct the problem of the budget and it also monitors the execution of the solution of this problem. This adds more value to it, seeing that by experience, deficits and debts are created by poor execution of the budget.

Who must GO HOME in the Hedging case?

According to Mrs. Xiomara Ruiz Maduro of MEP

RECENTLY, the Director of WEB, Mr. Oslin Boekhoudt, has been discharged of his position even though no one knows the real reasons behind this, but it is visible that the case of hedging and the fact that WEB Aruba is in red, are the reasons of his discharge. But if it is so, then it is more reasonable that the Minister Mike de Meza, the Prime Minister Mike Eman, the Board of Supervision and the Director of Utilities to be sent home as well.

The Board of Supervision of WEB must go home

The case of Hedging has harmed everyone and all the businesses on this Island and until now, the country does not know what went wrong and who the responsible for this serious mistake are. A report was made on the decisions that were taken in WEB Aruba about the Hedging, but this report is not complete. Minister de Meza came in the Parliament with lies that he does not know what went wrong. The Fraction of MEP came with a motion where they advised for the General Audit Chamber to perform an investigation on what the roles of Utilities and the roles of the Ministers de Meza and Eman were in the decision making of the Hedging, but most of the members of the Parliament, those of the AVP Fraction, were not in favor for this investigation to take place. But if the Director of the WEB Aruba was sent home in connection to this Hedging which was very wrongly done, then based on this same incomplete report, the whole Board of Supervision should be sent home.

The Director of Utilities N.V. should be sent home

We should not forget that the Director of Utilities N.V., Mr. Frank Hoeverst, is also responsible of the execution of the energetic management of the Government. A decision, in which almost 100% of the heavy fuel oil at WEB Aruba is hedged, is a decision that could not have been executed without the knowledge of the Director of Utilities N.V. If then, the Director is sent home because of the case of Hedging, the Director of Utilities should also be sent home with him.

Minister De Meza and the Prime Minister Eman should be sent home

In August 2012, the vision of the Ministers De Meza and Eman, to stabilize the rates, was approved in the Social Dialogue. It is this vision that is being executed by Utilities N.V. Therefore, if the Director of WEB Aruba, Mr. Oslin Boekhoudt must go home for executing the vision of the Government, then it is fair that the Minister Mike de Meza and the Prime Minister Mike Eman, to go home as well.



Open House

To celebrate their 19th anniversary



ON Thursday, June 25th, 2015, Monumenten Fonds Foundation Aruba celebrates its 19th anniversary with an open house. The foundation opens its doors from 2:30pm to 5:30pm for the public. Everyone is invited to come and take a look at the work of the foundation and receive more information and be educated about what it does.

The team of the Monumenten Fonds Foundation Aruba is ready to welcome you in their historic building at Avenida Milio J. Croes #26. Visitors will receive a tour and get a complete explanation of their projects and activities, and will also enjoy a drink and some snacks. Local painter Franco Koolman will be present to show his new paintings. You will also enjoy the music of the local artist of 'Musica di Harpa di Cunukero's di Noord'.

During the open house, the director of the Monumenten Fonds Foundation Aruba, Mrs. Anne Witsenburg will give a short presentation about the work of the foundation and speak about the cultural heritage. Mr. Ronald Arends, (Assistant Maintenance Officer of Monumenten Fonds Foundation Aruba) will briefly speak about the historic buildings and objects and how they are maintained.

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The 6th GREEN ARUBA 2015 Conference

**Sustainable Energy is the
newest development**

DURING the last week of October, Aruba will be the host of the 6th Green Conference Aruba, where the topic "Sustainable Energy" will be the focus of attention. Sustainable Energy will always be an important topic in the developing world. There will be Parliamentary members of different countries at the Green Aruba 2015 Event.

'Aruba Sustainable Week' will consist of:

- Aruba Learning Event: 26th and 27th of October
- Green Aruba 2015: 27th and 28th of October
- ECLAC: 29th and 30th of October
- Mine and Energy: 30th and 31st of October

In the last few years, Aruba has been moving forward with huge steps. It has made good use of opportunities to introduce technology and other methods of controlling and reducing the use of water and electricity. The Government and its strategic partners Utilities Aruba, WEB Aruba, and Elmar, have introduced programs that have been very effective. Some of these projects not only serve as examples and motivation for our community, but they also have direct influence on how Aruba is accepting the sustainability efforts to reduce our collective "carbon footprint". Some good examples of projects from previous years are: A program called 'Together We Save', the introduction of prepaid electricity, the introduction of LED lights on the streets, the construction of the Solar Park at the International Reina Beatrix Airport, and lastly, the installation of solar panels at schools, organizations such as YMCA, and at multifunctional buildings in different districts.

Green Aruba 2015 is a conference that is very well-known in our region, where experts on innovations and development on alternative energy and sustainability are brought together to exchange ideas. They come together to discuss and exchange thoughts on more alternatives and solutions towards a cleaner and more sustainable world.

Aruba has known many developments in the use of Sustainable and Renewable Energy; which is very beneficial, especially for other countries in the Caribbean. Many of them consider Aruba as an example to follow in initiating transition from traditional methods of producing water and electricity, towards a sustainable one. The main goal is to alleviate the fluctuation of the crude oil prices in the world which they cannot control; however, it does have a great influence on the economy of small countries.

Green Aruba 2015 is organized by Utilities Aruba, WEB Aruba, Elmar, TNO, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), Carbon War Room (CWR), Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) and IRENA (International Renewable Agency).







"Midnight in Paris"

Kiwanis Circle K of Colegio E.P.I.!

LAST Saturday in the Caribbean Ballroom of the prestigious Radisson Aruba Resort and Casino, the fabulous "Midnight in Paris" charity gala ball took place. It was organized by the Kiwanis Circle K of Colegio E.P.I. and the event had the whole community talking. The main goal of this event was to raise funds so that the club (Kiwanis Circle K of Colegio E.P.I.) could organize and conduct various projects and causes, and make donations on the island; as their motto dictates: "Serving children is our number one priority."

The red carpet event started at 7pm, where all the guests had the opportunity to take photos in front of the fabulous backdrop with the theme "Midnight in Paris". Photos were taken by the popular local photographer, Mr. Armando Goedgedrag. To make the guests feel special, they were welcomed with a drink, courtesy of Balashi Aruba. From the moment the guests arrived in the Caribbean

ballroom, they were amazed with how Mr. Gareth Tromp, the decorator, brought the city of love, Paris, to the Caribbean Ballroom at the Radisson. The decorations and details could not have been possible without the support and help of Mr. Gareth Tromp and Elite Productions & Entertainment; who made sure that every detail brought the sensation of Paris to real life, which was the highlight of the evening.

The entertainment for this event was entrusted to N'Fuzion, Buleria, BAMFSTARZ, and DJ Daniville. Each entertainer knew exactly how to make the crowd have a good time and dance the night away to their music and entertainment. As a special guest that evening, during the performance of Buleria, solo singer Ms. Sashah Figueroa surprised the crowd with her popular hit "Mi Rehen". This event was certainly a success, as all the guests enjoyed a fabulous evening and definitely felt like they were truly in Paris.



'Accion di Bario' will continue

We will continue to help the community

THE Government of Aruba introduced the project 'Bo Bario' (translated to 'Your District'), where the focus and priority is the community. Prime Minister Mike Eman is now focusing very intensively in the district of Sabana Basora in Noord. The housing complexes have been going through a lot of challenges lately. After long conversations with many of the residents of Sabana Basora in Noord, the Prime Minister learned that there is a group of people who have a vision to develop the district in a healthier and safer manner.

"There are developments that require additional attention and we support the concerned citizens," said the Prime Minister.

The district received an enormous

cleanup. Areas around the homes were cleaned, preventing teenagers and children from having 'hiding spots' after doing mischievous things. The lighting system has also been fixed and with illuminated streets, a sense of security has been felt in the community. Last Saturday, the Prime Minister Eman took some volunteers of 'Bo Bario' to fix the mini sports field. In this project, they had the cooperation of the private sector and FCCA. Now the children of Sabana Basora in Noord can play basketball, soccer, and volleyball in their own sports field in the vicinity of their home. Prime Minister Mike Eman is happy to once again witness the power of

voluntary work for the benefit of the community of Aruba.

"Many citizens of Sabana Basora in Noord are contributing with us. We are very happy the way that the district is reacting towards the support they are receiving. This made them more conscious and active to develop their district into a more beautiful place for all to enjoy," expressed the Prime Minister.

There are parents who are ready to guide the youth of the district in many sports and recreational activities. This will offer the youth better and more positive options than what is presented to them right now. The Project "Accion di Bario" will continue, as the Prime Minister Mike Eman is determined to continue to work for the community and believes in the potential of our people.



8 TAEKWONDO ATHLETES on their way to Korea



ALBERTO Klabér of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation informs that the Taekwondo team 'Train Hard Fight Smart' classified and will be going to Korea on the 15th of July, 2015 to participate in the Korean Open Camp Training. Coach Clifford Rasmijn will be chaperoning a group of 8 athletes in this great opportunities that our they received to learn how to be better prepared in this sport.

During this week of training camp, the ex world Champ, Henk Meijer, will also be in Korea to perform a plan of training with all the groups.

Alberto Klabér will be in Korea also to take note of everything that will be going on during the camp.

"We are preparing for this training camp and this Saturday we will be at Seroe Colorado for a fresh air training starting from 9:00 am. Now that the school year is over, we will be training every day until the 14th of July. We are very proud of our 8 athletes that are putting much effort to excel in their participation in this training Camp in Korea.





ART Rules Aruba is an educational performing arts program offering an intensive 2 week workshop in multiple art disciplines thought by international experts from around the world!

Art Rules has selected an extraordinary team of talented educators for this year's DJ Master Edition. Included in this group is the legendary engineer of mixing Gimel 'Young Guru' Keaton, better known as the man behind the iconic sound of the famous Jay Z. Young Guru, is an American audio engineer, record producer, and DJ. He was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2011 for his work on "Empire State of Mind" by Jay-Z and Alicia Keys. Over the years, Young Guru has been a major part of several artists' careers in addition to Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Rihanna, Ludacris, Ghostface Killah, Freeway, Cam'ron, Redman & Method Man, Mariah Carey, Pete Rock, Fabulous, Talib Kweli, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony and T.I.

Art Rules has also invited for the second time, the Master of Art Rules 2010-2012, Sean Armstrong, better known as DJ Face; a great DJ who is able to create a vibe with the audience to know exactly what they want to hear. Face has been DJ-ing since the age of 12 therefore knows just how to connect with his listeners and uses his excellent song selection, seamless blends, and superb timing to keep the dance floor moving all night. In addition to the multiple clubs he plays in the Washington D.C. area, Face has also travelled the world and performed at venues in London, Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Aruba, Germany, and more. He's spun alongside artists like The Roots, Pete Rock, and Kid Capri to name a few, and is a member of the True School Co. founded by Grammy Award winning producer 9th Wonder. In addition to True School, DJ Face is also a member of 9th Wonder's Black Jedi chapter of The Universal Zulu Nation.

Young Guru and DJ Face will both give classes for a week in the DJ workshops of Art Rules.

Art Rules Aruba #6 will be from the 20th to 31st of July at the Arts Academy Aruba. On August 1st 2015, Art Rules will present a fabulous show at this same place. For more information about the DJ workshops and other disciplines, please visit our website: www.artrules.org/workshops/aruba or follow "Art Rules" on Facebook @artrulesaruba instagram @artrulesflicks @twitter artrulesU





Grohl injury prompts Foo Fighters to **CANCEL TOUR**

FORGET about the broken leg. Dave Grohl has a broken heart. The Foo Fighters frontman, who suffered a broken fibula when he fell off a stage in Sweden last Friday, said in a blog entry that he'll need time to recover. Fans are required to click the "broken heart" of an Operation game board to access Grohl's note.

"It kills me to say it.....the doctors have told us to cancel shows. I'm really so sorry, guys. You know I hate to do it, but I'm afraid it's just not physically possible for me at the moment," he wrote on the Foo Fighters' website. In a statement, the Foo Fighters' PR firm said that the band was canceling the European tour.

"Due to injuries sustained in Dave Grohl's fall from the stage during Foo Fighters' June 12 show at Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg, Sweden, doctors have required the cancellation of the remainder of the band's dates in the UK and Europe. After undergoing surgery Monday, Dave's full recuperation time is still to be determined," the statement said.

The canceled dates include a scheduled

June 26 performance at the UK's Glastonbury Festival, one of the largest festivals in the world, where the band was headlining. There's no word yet on the band's American tour, which is scheduled to begin at Washington's RFK Stadium July 4 and run until mid-October.

In his post, Grohl maintained his sense of humor.

"As I lay there on my back, I just thought, 'Are you kidding me? We haven't even gotten to the screamy bit of the song and the gig is f----- OVER?'" he wrote. He was a trouper during the show, promising the band would finish, even as he had to be taken off stage for treatment.

"What seemed like a tragedy at first turned into a triumph, and we all walked away with a new sense of appreciation for what we've got," he wrote.

But, he observed, even with surgery concluded, "I'm not out of the woods yet, folks." He closed with a jokey message to Kanye West. "PS..... Kanye.....Imma let you have this one," Grohl wrote.



Celebrities join campaign to STOP DOG MEAT festival in China



CELEBRITIES including British comedian Ricky Gervais and singer Leona Lewis have shown their support for a campaign against an annual dog meat festival in China where some 10,000 dogs are expected to be killed for their meat.

Their efforts, that include an animal rights campaign launched by Gervais, aim to stop the Yulin Dog Meat Festival in Guangxi province, which is a celebration of the June solstice. Thousands of dogs are traded, killed and then eaten in the home or on the street. Some of them are burnt or boiled alive.

This year's festival is set for June 22. The dispute over eating dog meat has raged in China for many years and led to violence last year, when protesters went to Yulin and tried to prevent delivery trucks and bought live dogs back. They also took photos of the festival.

On their parts, actors like Gervais and Ian Somerhalder have joined the effort by sharing graphic pictures of dogs being tortured, encouraging followers to sign Change.org petitions calling on the festival to be halted. Singers Leona Lewis and Richard Marx, among others, also tweeted about the campaign, using the hashtag #StopYuLin2015 to gather support.

Humane Society International (HSI) has launched a petition against the festival, naming a dog saved from the slaughterhouse 'Ricky', in honour of the comedian. Gervais also released a statement, saying: "My friends at Humane Society International are working tirelessly to end this cruel trade all over Asia, and they desperately need your help.

"I've seen the footage that HSI has captured on video, and it breaks my heart. I will never forget the look of bewilderment and fear on the faces of these poor animals - the dogs and cats await a horrible fate. No animal deserves to be treated like this."

"Most of the discussion is centered on the emotional or sentimental aspect of eating dogs," said Mr Zheng Zhishan, a programme officer with the International Fund for Animal Welfare. "But it is more important to look at the food safety aspect."

Mr Liu Lang, director of the Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association, said dog meat is not listed in the food quarantine and inspection for supervision, which creates safety risks in the processing

and eating of dog meat.

The Ministry of Agriculture issued a quarantine regulation on dogs and cats last year, requiring laboratory quarantine for the animals before they are transported. "But in practice, this regulation is not well enforced," Mr Liu said.

Meanwhile, Many dog meat restaurants are no longer to be found in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, Guangzhou Daily reported last month. The number of shops offering the controversial meat has declined sharply, mainly due to tightened regulations concerning animal welfare.

Guangzhou, where eating dog meat has long been a tradition, launched a campaign in March to crack down on illegal dog meat businesses which do not have quarantine

certificates.

A woman who lives in a street known for selling dog meat has witnessed the ups and downs. "It used to be packed with customers coming for dog meat. Now people choose not to eat dog with the idea of animal protection. I quit for years," she said.

The Local Food and Drug Administration continually warns of the potential risks in eating unconventional meat. Animals from unidentified sources may carry viruses which can put people's lives in danger.

The collapse of the dog meat business is not only due to tightened supervision but also shows people's changing views toward protecting animals. A woman surnamed Xiao says she never eats dog and tries her best to persuade others not to. She believes dogs are natural human companions and should never be food on the table.





MASS DEPORTATIONS of Haitian immigrants from Dominican Republic feared

TENS of thousands of undocumented immigrants in the Dominican Republic -- the vast majority Haitians -- face deportation as a deadline to apply for legal status looms.

The problem of what to do with thousands of workers who entered illegally from a neighboring country is not an unfamiliar one in the hemisphere.

The plight of undocumented immigrants in the United States and lawmakers' failed attempts at reform come to mind.

The Dominican government tackled the issue with a "regularization plan" that offered a path to legal status for the undocumented. But critics say it was designed to fail the migrant workers.

Wednesday is the deadline for undocumented immigrants in the Dominican Republic to register under the regularization plan or face deportation.

"Those who do not have documentation will have to return to their country," Dominican Foreign Minister Andres

Navarro said.

According to the government, more than 200,000 undocumented immigrants living in the Dominican Republic have registered, but at least that many others will not meet the deadline.

Claims of racial prejudice

The fact that the majority of foreigners -- documented or not -- living in the Dominican Republic are Haitian has led to accusations that there are other racial prejudices involved, too.

The immigration overhaul comes at the same time that Dominicans of Haitian descent are in a fight over their status. A 2013 court ruling stripped the citizenship of Dominicans whose parents were undocumented immigrants. A separate law to address their status is equally controversial.

Human rights groups fear mass deportations.

The regularization law states its purpose is to "provide a window

of opportunity" for undocumented workers to contribute without living in the shadows and to reap the benefits of legal protections offered by the government.

But to hear it in immigrants' own words, those words don't correspond with their experience.

"Today is my 15th day here, and I still have not been able to get my documents," Haitian immigrant Ruben Renoir said as he waited in a line to apply for legal status.

Another immigrant shared a similar story. "I came here with my birth certificate to apply because I knew that there were going to be problems, but they still haven't processed me," Melizo Pierre said.

A problem with documentation

To human rights observers, this is not surprising. Many of the undocumented workers in the Dominican Republic lack valid passports or other identification documents from their home countries.

Some 96% of those who have applied for regularization don't have passports, Angelita Baeyens, programs director at the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, said.

Another requirement is for employers to provide the undocumented workers with a certificate, something that many are refusing to do, Baeyens said. Haitian officials, meanwhile, are preparing for an influx of deportees as the deadline passes.

At least two repatriation centers have been opened on the border between the two countries to process the Haitians who are sent back from the Dominican Republic.

The deadline also worries some people who were born in the Dominican Republic. While there is separate legislation to deal with Dominicans who were stripped of their citizenship, those Dominicans born to Haitian immigrants but not registered in the civil registry fear being swept up in deportation raids.

Group says People are INTENTIONALLY INFECTING Others with HIV Virus in Antigua

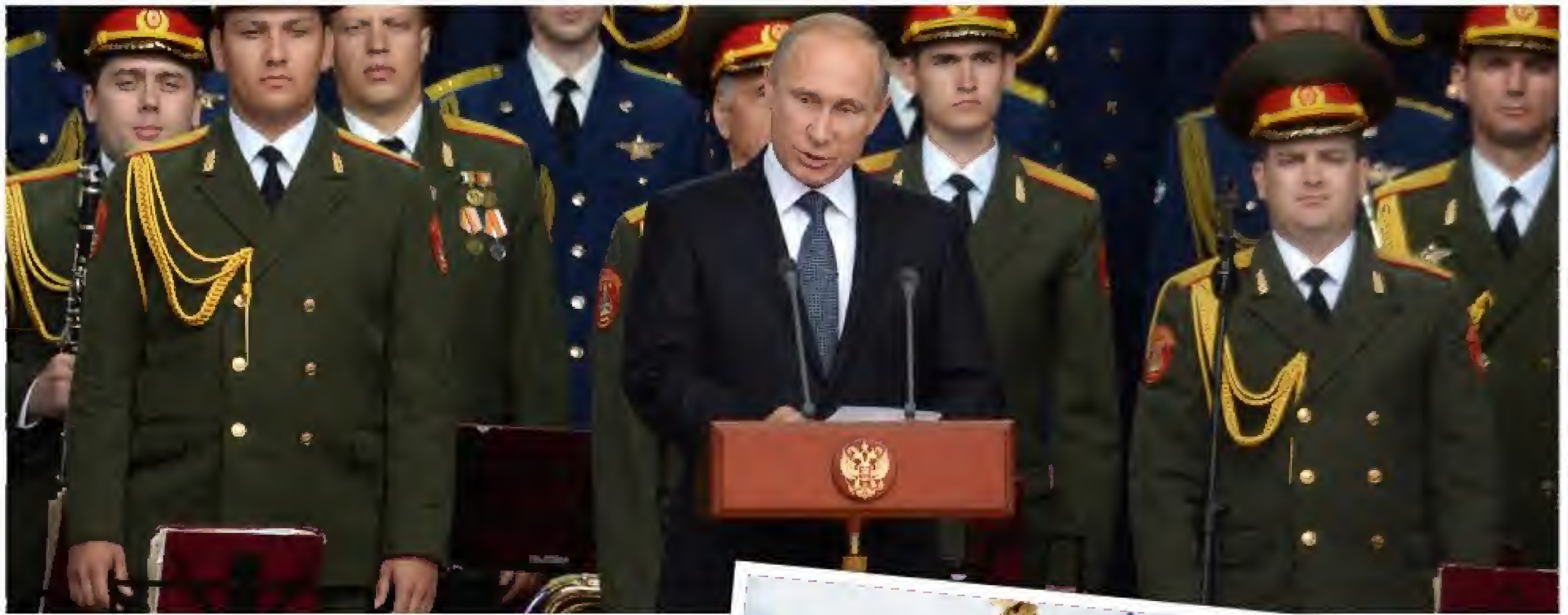
A GROUP of concerned citizens have called on the Attorney General and Minister of National Security Steadroy "Cutie" Benjamin to formulate laws that will help to address a potential devastating situation within the twin island state. The Attorney General was engaged in a meeting on Monday, where he was presented with information to suggest that a number of persons presently in Antigua and Barbuda have been intentionally infecting persons with the HIV virus. The group mentioned that such vicious actions, in their estimation, is a matter of national security, and many lives are at risk and action needs to be taken soonest. It has been reported that a number of HIV infected women have become pregnant. The concerned citizens asked that the Attorney General enact laws that can hold persons who intentionally infect persons with HIV virus, accountable and that charges can be brought against them. They also asked that laws be

introduced to ensure that pregnant HIV infected mothers be mandated by law to accept treatment. It is speculated that HIV infected pregnant mothers in Antigua and Barbuda are refusing to access care, which could help their unborn child from becoming infected with the virus.

Benjamin was quite alarmed over the information received and promised that further research will be done to see what laws can be introduced to deal with this most discomfoting situation.

Benjamin said the matter is indeed one of national security and a threat to the nation's health system. He is calling on members of society to protect themselves against persons who willfully and intentionally set out to put their life in danger.

Currently there are 1052 people infected with HIV/AIDS in Antigua and Barbuda with approximately 800 individuals untreated. The group believes if serious action is not taken, those numbers could rise.



Vladimir Putin opens Russian MILITARY "Disneyland" Patriot Park



THERE are army rations for lunch, and tanks and missiles to play with. Lunch consists of army rations, shopping is mainly for Vladimir Putin accessories, and instead of riding rollercoasters children can play with grenade launchers and clamber over heavy weaponry. Welcome to Patriot Park: fun for all the family, with a militaristic twist.

This vast military theme park at Kubinka, an hour's drive from Moscow, was officially opened by Putin on Tuesday at a time of heightened patriotism and military rhetoric in the wake of Russia's annexation of Crimea last year and subsequent confrontation with the west.

Putin used the event as an opportunity to announce the addition of 40 new intercontinental missiles to Russia's nuclear arsenal this year. He said the theme park would be "an important

element in our system of military-patriotic work with young people".

As well as being a "military Disneyland", Patriot Park is also a conference and exhibition venue, and Tuesday marked the start of Army 2015, a Russian military exhibition showcasing the latest equipment, attended by delegations from dozens of countries. The president arrived at Kubinka by helicopter and spoke in front of a military choir and balalaika orchestra, who belted out a patriotic number. Putin said in a short speech that the Russian military was developing several new pieces of hardware that had "no equivalents in the world", including the next-generation Armata tank, first displayed publicly during a military parade in Moscow last month. He said the 40 new nuclear missiles that Russia's strategic forces would receive this year were "capable of overcoming even the most technically advanced

missile defence systems".

Alexander Zaldostanov, better known as the Surgeon, leader of the pro-Putin biker group the Night Wolves, who was touring Patriot Park on its first day, said: "When I look at all this stuff it makes me feel proud of Russia and realise that we have something to answer the Americans with. They wouldn't dare to press the button."

"In Soviet times the army was a distant, faraway thing, but now we all feel closer to the army. The army is being romanticised and I see that as a good thing," Zaldostanov said. "If we don't educate our own children then America will do it for us ... like we have seen in Ukraine."

When the Kubinka park is functioning at full capacity it will be able to host tens of thousands of visitors per day. There will be battle reconstructions of some of the most famous victories in

Russian and Soviet history, and regular displays of military hardware and training opportunities.

Hotels and entertainment centres will be opened on the grounds, which should allow families to visit for several days and make a holiday of it, according to promotional literature distributed at the launch. The park is due to be fully completed in 2017, and will cost the defence ministry 20 billion roubles (£236m), according to the Kommersant newspaper. Visitors will be able to ride tanks, shoot guns and play extreme sports.

"I think this park is a gift to Russian citizens, who can now behold the full power of the Russian armed forces. Being here gives you a sense of internal self-sufficiency and makes you confident we can defend our territory," said Sergei Privalov, a Russian Orthodox priest who attended the opening ceremony.



Edmonton man ARRESTED in **HOMICIDE** of American medical student on tiny Caribbean island

AN award-winning medical student from Edmonton has been arrested in the Dutch Caribbean island of Saba in relation to the homicide of an American medical student there in April.

The man has been identified by media in Saba as 27-year-old Omar J. Elkadry of Edmonton. Prosecutors have confirmed the suspect is a 27-year-old student with the initials O.J.E. The victim has been identified as Kavya Guda, a 24-year-old woman from California.

Both were students at the Saba University School of Medicine on Saba island, a special municipality of the Netherlands in the Caribbean, Southwest of St. Maarten.

The Korps Politie Caribisch Nederland, the police agency investigating the case, said Guda was found dead by a friend in her home April 15, in an area of the island called The Bottom. Her death was classified a homicide after an autopsy at the Dutch Forensic Institute in Rijswijk, Netherlands. The cause of death is not being released.

Elkadry was arrested June 1. He is being held in custody on the nearby island of Bonaire. A statement on behalf of police and the public prosecutor's office said the investigation has yielded "enough incriminating evidence" to continue holding him in custody.

"Further investigation is being done into the scenario that this suspect could be responsible," police spokeswoman Lucia Beck said in an email. She said other scenarios — including the possibility "that he was involved, but not the only one" — are also being investigated.

"At some point, the prosecutors will have to decide whether the investigation is sufficient to charge him," she wrote. Elkadry previously attended the dental hygiene program at the University of Alberta, where he received awards recognizing both his work and character. In 2013, he received the College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta student award of merit in recognition of "professionalism, leadership and team spirit."

He appears to have started at the medical school in Saba in 2014. A classmate described him as a "very intelligent, very nice, very approachable person,"

who was part of student government and his class president, and maintained among the best grades in his class.

A worker at the Morinville recycling business owned by Elkadry's father said Jamil Elkadry was out of the country for an unknown amount of time. He later passed along a message that the father had declined to comment on his son's situation.

A statement released by Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Francois Lasalle said the Canadian government is "aware of the arrest of a Canadian citizen in Saba Island," and is in contact with local authorities and providing consular assistance. He would not comment further.

Police and prosecutors in Saba have said the investigation has been given "the highest priority," with additional detectives added to the investigation team, a special phone line to deal with tips related to the case, and a senior public prosecutor from Rotterdam called in to assist with the additional workload.

Officials say FBI investigators are also involved in the case and witnesses in the United States. An FBI spokeswoman declined to comment on the case, referring questions to authorities in the Dutch Caribbean.

Police in Saba are also investigating a series of threatening and sexually explicit emails sent to medical school students after the homicide. Beck said the emails may be of interest in the homicide case, but are currently being investigated separately. No

arrests have been made in relation to the emails.

A parent of one Canadian student said the emails threatened female students. One email his daughter received said there would be a stabbing.

"In the meantime, vicious emails were targeting women in my daughter's class throughout the month of May with threats of sexually explicit violence," the parent said in an email. Students were resorting to bunking up at night in fear of being alone.

The parent said there were also serious concerns about the way the university has handled the situation. "They wanted it to go away and they wanted the student body to act like it never happened," he wrote. "The local media has been equally complicit in silencing the whole thing."

With an island population of only about 1,800 people, the medical school is a key resource in Saba. Online, some locals expressed concerns that the homicide may have a negative impact on the island.

As the Korps Politie Caribisch Nederland noted in one news release, "Especially in a small community, an unsolved crime can cause commotion." The medical school did not return multiple calls and requests for comment.



Donald Trump's tirade on Mexico's 'DRUGS AND RAPISTS' outrages US Latinos

DONALD Trump has been labelled an "extremely silly man" by America's largest Latino civil rights organisation after claiming that Mexico is sending "rapists" to the US.

While Republicans such as Jeb Bush are going out of their way to attract the increasingly important Hispanic vote in 2016 – Bush delivered some of his launch speech in Spanish – Trump appeared to be heading in a different direction with his campaign launch. "[Mexico] are sending people that have lots of problems, and they are bringing those problems to us. They are bringing drugs, and bringing crime, and their rapists," the business mogul said.

Such claims were "absurd", said Lisa Navarrete, a spokeswoman for the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organisation.

"This is a man who has a pathological need for attention," said Navarrete. "I look at him as a two-year-old who will say a naughty word to get their parents' attention. That's what he's doing."

Trump has toyed with running for president since the 1980s. He has said he was considering a bid during almost every election cycle since 2000. Tuesday's event at Trump Tower represents the first time he has fully outlined his policies and political beliefs.

He aimed specific ire at Mexico, claiming he would build a "great, great wall" on the Mexican-American border, and accusing the country of sending "not the right people" to the US.

"The US has become a dumping ground for everyone else's problems," he said. Navarrete

said the claim that Mexicans seeking work in America were rapists was "offensive". "This is an exceedingly silly man, who has no idea what he's talking about," she said. Navarrete said although Trump's statements had "no basis in fact", they fitted in with a perception of the party he sought to represent.

"Part of the reason why Latinos are so alienated from the Republican party these days is there's a sense that there are people who actually believe [what Trump said]," she said. "I'm hoping that the saner, more rational people in the Republican party can put a stop to this kind of thing, and say: No, we're going to be constructive, we're not going to needlessly and consciously alienate the fastest-growing group of voters in this country."



3-D printers could soon make HUMAN SKIN

HUMAN skin could be rolling off a 3-D printer near you within five years.

Companies are working on using live cells and specialized 3-D machines in a process called bioprinting, which experts say could be worth \$1 billion by 2025. Printing organs has generated plenty of hype for this branch of high-tech manufacturing, but applications for beauty firms are more likely to emerge sooner.

Cosmetics giant L'Oreal is leading the way. The world's biggest beauty firm recently teamed up with U.S. biotech Organovo to develop 3-D printed skin tissues. It wants to create skin for product testing.

L'Oreal has been making skin for

decades. The French company grows skin in laboratories, adding pigments and aging the tissues, in part as a way to get around a European ban on the sale of cosmetics tested on animals.

But growing skin is a slow and complex procedure. 3-D bioprinting would speed things up. Instead of waiting for skin to develop in a laboratory, cosmetic companies could build models more quickly by printing them out. It also creates much stronger prototypes.

Skin is thin, making it a relatively easy tissue to print. A syringe in the printer moves along the line of tissue, squeezing out a cell solution very slowly. Layers are then added to create

the desired thickness.

"In the syringe format, it would be possible to create different skin types," said Arnold Bos, a technology consultant at Lux Research. "You can recreate sensitive skin, or man's skin." That could mean new products -- and revenues -- for companies like L'Oreal. The firm spent nearly \$1 billion on research and innovation in 2013.

Researchers have succeeded in printing human skin but commercial applications such as cosmetic testing are still about five years away, Bos said, partly because scientists still need to overcome the challenge of using living cells during the printing process.

That's not holding big business back. Procter & Gamble also wants to get in on the act.

The consumer goods giant wants academics to submit proposals for 3-D bioprinting research grants. Alternatives to animal testing are one of the applications the company has in mind, along with product innovation and safety screening.

"Some safety questions are still difficult to mimic with today's methods and new, additional non-animal alternative methods are needed," said P&G Global Life Sciences innovation leader Elena Lurie-Luke. "3-D bioprinting is a promising option for the future."

Prosecutor:

Worker accused of helping inmates escape discussed hiring them to KILL HER HUSBAND



A PRISON worker charged with helping two convicted murderers escape from a maximum-security facility had discussed hiring them to kill her husband, a district attorney confirmed Wednesday.

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie said at a news conference that Joyce Mitchell had talked to inmates Richard Matt and David Sweat about a murder-for-hire plot involving her husband, Lyle.

Both Joyce Mitchell and Lyle Mitchell work at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, near the Canadian border. Sweat and Matt escaped from the 170-year-old prison on June 6.

Lyle Mitchell arrived at the state police barracks in Malone with his attorney late Wednesday morning to talk to authorities, the Press-Republican of Plattsburgh reported.

Investigators have no information that Lyle Mitchell knew about the escape plan or assisted in it, Wylie said.

Meanwhile, state police expanded the search for the killers beyond a 16-square-mile area of woods, fields and swamps where the manhunt has been most intense. Police stepped up

roving patrols and were checking the hundreds, if not thousands, of seasonal homes and hunting camps in the region.

Officials said the number of law enforcement officers involved in the search had been reduced from more than 800 earlier in the week to more than 600 Wednesday. In Dannemora, the heavy law enforcement presence prevalent for more than a week all

but disappeared by Tuesday, and roadblocks surrounding the town were gone.

State police said Wednesday that they have "no hard evidence" that Sweat and Matt were able to leave the area. But they cautioned that the lack of evidence doesn't mean the escapees are somewhere near the prison.

Sweat, 35, was serving a life sentence without parole in the killing of a sheriff's deputy. Matt, 48, was doing 25 years to life for the kidnap, torture and hacksaw dismemberment of his former boss.



Joyce

Mitchell is charged with helping the killers flee by providing them with hacksaw blades, chisels and other tools. She was visited in jail Tuesday by her husband.

Clinton County Sheriff David Favro described her as "composed" during the visit. Prosecutors say Mitchell, a prison tailoring shop instructor who befriended the inmates, had agreed to be the getaway driver but backed out because she still loved her husband and felt guilty for participating.

She was charged last week with supplying contraband, including a punch and a screwdriver, to the two inmates. She

has

pleaded not guilty and has been suspended without pay from her \$57,000-a-year job overseeing inmates who sew clothes and learn to repair sewing machines.

Authorities say the convicts used power tools to cut through the backs of their adjacent cells, broke through a brick wall and then cut into a steam pipe and slithered through it, finally emerging outside the prison walls through a manhole. Wylie says they apparently used tools stored by prison contractors, taking care to return them to their toolboxes after each night's work.

Chelsea agree season-long LOAN DEAL

with Monaco for Radamel Falcao



CHELSEA have agreed a season-long loan deal with Monaco for Radamel Falcao, according to sources. Falcao spent last season on loan at Manchester United but boss Louis van Gaal opted against making the move permanent after he scored just four goals in 26 Premier League appearances.

The 29-year-old Colombian striker was keen to remain in the Premier League and it was reported last week that Chelsea were in talks to sign him following the release of Didier Drogba.

And Blues manager Jose Mourinho spoke publicly about the discussions, stating his desire to help Falcao "reach his level again".

He said: "It hurts me that people in England think that the real Falcao is the one we saw at Manchester United.

"He played in Spain and Portugal and I know him very well because I was in Portugal and Spain. In Spain we were together when he was at Atletico and I was at Real and I know him very, very well... he is a great player."

Falcao made his name in Europe with Mourinho's former club Porto, where he 41 goals in the Portuguese Primeira and 21 in 21 appearances in Europe.

He moved to Atletico Madrid for £35million in 2011 where he continued to be prolific, scoring 70 goals in 90 appearances in all competitions.

Monaco signed him in 2013 for £52m but he suffered from injuries and played just 22 times over two season, scoring 13 goals in all competitions.

Falcao, who has 25 goals in 52 appearances for Colombia, was under considerable scrutiny at Old Trafford last season during an expensive loan for United, and was criticised by Van Gaal for a lack of fitness.

